

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for managing access to a restricted transmitted event, said method comprising:
 - (a) receiving encrypted access information associated with said transmitted event, said access information comprising data corresponding to the cost of said transmitted event;
 - (b) decrypting said access information in a conditional access module;
 - (c) verifying, in said conditional access module, that the cost of said transmitted event is less than a pre-stored cash reserve;
 - (d) receiving said transmitted event from said service provider, said transmitted event being scrambled; and
 - (e) descrambling said transmitted event in said conditional access module.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said access information further comprises an event descrambling key and purchase information, said purchase information comprising channel identification data, event identity data, date and time stamp data, and billing data.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 further comprising the step of transferring data associated with said purchased transmitted event to said service provider to update a user's account information.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 3, wherein said conditional access module comprises a smart card, and said encrypted access information is encrypted using a public key and decrypted using a corresponding private key stored in said smart card.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said public key is shared by all broadcasters.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 wherein said smart card comprises a card body with a plurality of terminals arranged on a surface of said card body in accordance with one of ISO 7816 and PCMCIA card standards.

7. (Newly Added) A method for managing access to a restricted transmitted event, said method comprising:
 - (a) receiving encrypted access information associated with said transmitted event from one of a plurality of service providers, the encrypted access information from each of said plurality of service providers being encrypted with a predetermined public key, said received access information comprising data corresponding to the cost of said transmitted event;
 - (b) decrypting said received access information in a conditional access module;
 - (c) verifying, in said conditional access module, that the cost of said transmitted event is less than a pre-stored cash reserve;
 - (d) receiving said transmitted event from said service provider, said transmitted event being scrambled; and
 - (e) descrambling said transmitted event in said conditional access module.